

The FALL of Man and the CURSE ~ Genesis 3:1-19

→Scripture Reading- Rom. 5.17-19, Eph. 2.1-3

INTRODUCTION

- Sweet Babies...
- Not so Sweet Babies...

Is it NATURE or PRACTICE?

DEFINITION of SIN

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV) How you have FALLEN from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! [13] YOU SAID in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. [14] I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I WILL make myself LIKE the Most High.

SIN is an attitude of REBELLION against God seen in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Open REBELLION Against God ~ Genesis 3.1-19

[1] Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" [2] The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [3] but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" [4] "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. [5] "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will BE LIKE God, knowing good and evil." [6] When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her HUSBAND, who was WITH her, and he ate it.

[7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. [8] Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they HID from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" [10] He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." [11] And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" [12] The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." [13] Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." [14] So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, CURSED are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. [15] And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; HE will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." [16] To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your PAINS in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your DESIRE will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

One of many tragic results of Adam and Eve's REBELLION against God is an ongoing, damaging CONFLICT between husband and wife in marriage, driven by the sinful behavior of both in REBELLION against their respective God-given roles and responsibilities in marriage. ESV

[17] To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' CURSED is the ground because of you; through PAINFUL TOIL you will eat of it all the days of your life. [18] It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. [19] By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the GROUND, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Sin Resulted in Judgment on...

- the SERPENT- vs. 14
- SATAN- vs. 15
- the WOMAN- vs. 16
- the MAN- vs. 17-19
- All HUMANS- Rm. 5.12

Romans 5:12 (NLT) When Adam sinned, SIN ENTERED THE WORLD. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

- All of CREATION- vs. 17-18

Romans 8:20-21 (NLT) Against its will, ALL CREATION was subjected to God's CURSE. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

BROKEN Relationship with God: LASB

- Believed THEIR way was BETTER than God's way
- Caused SHAME and FEAR tried to HIDE from God
- Made EXCUSES shifted the BLAME

REBUILD Relationship with God... LASB

- ACCEPT the Fact that God's WAY is Better
- Stop trying to HIDE from God
- Stop make EXCUSES shifting BLAME
- CONFESS sin as SIN

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we CONFESS our sins, HE is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from ALL unrighteousness.

All people are sinners by NATURE and by PRACTICE. At conversion all our sins are forgiven past, present, and future. Yet even after we become Christians, we STILL sin and still NEED to CONFESS. This kind of confession is not offered to gain God's acceptance but to REMOVE the barrier to fellowship that our sin has put BETWEEN us and GOD. LASB

IMPLICATIONS

→ TEMPTATION begins with the FIRST LOOK

2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT) Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

→ Sin always LOOKS GOOD at the Beginning

1 Cor. 10:12-13 (NLT) If you THINK you are standing strong, be careful not to FALL. [13] The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

→ Shifting BLAME keeps us from CONFESSING our sin

Psalms 32:5 (NLT) Finally, I confessed all my sins to YOU and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, I will CONFESS my REBELLION to the LORD. And YOU FORGAVE me! All my guilt is gone.

→ We are Sinful by NATURE and by PRACTICE

Psalms 51:5 (NIV) Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalms 51:4 (NIV) Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by NATURE and by CHOICE, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. EFCA

TAKE AWAY??

Jeremiah 44:14-17 (NLT) Of that remnant who FLED to Egypt, hoping someday to return to Judah, there will be NO SURVIVORS...

...[15] Then all the women present and all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to idols a great crowd of ALL the Judeans living in northern Egypt and southern Egypt - answered Jeremiah, [16] "We will NOT listen to your messages from the LORD! We will DO whatever WE WANT..."